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MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL OUR ADVERTISERS & READERS

RECORD POPPY RESULT



Tributes paid to stalwarts who have raised £14,000 for the Royal British Legion cause

THE Royal British Legion Axminster branch has revealed that its Poppy Appeal this year set an all-time record.

The total amount raised was a staggering £14,000, compared to the previous record of about £12,000 set last year.

Branch chairman David Warner was very pleased and full of praise for those who supported the appeal - either by contributing money or working tirelessly.

By Anders Larsson

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About the amount raised he said: "It is an unequalled effort. Special thanks must go to Mervyn Symes and Jacqui Thomas, who organised the Military Wives and Band concert, which launched our appeal and raised in excess of £3,000.

"Mention must be made of our stalwarts, Yvonne and Keith Taylor, who for many years have been the branch Poppy Appeal co-ordinators - a daunting task.

Tireless workers

"These two have over the years worked tirelessly to improve the totals to end their office on the best ever.

"We are hard pushed to express our gratitude to them." Apart from the concert and the general generosity displayed by people in the town, he also credited those taking part in the best dressed window competition.

He said: "This year 30 shops in town took part in the best dressed window competition, which gave the RBL a great deal of publicity - thanks to you all.

"Thanks also to Tesco and Co-op for allowing collection points to be set up in their stores.

"Thanks to the many who stood on street corners and knocked on doors - to the shops, schools etc who took in collection boxes. But most of all, thank you to the people of Axminster for their generosity."

Branch members are already planning next year's appeal.



■ **STALWART:** Yvonne Taylor (far left) pictured at the recent presentation of the best dressed Poppy shop window in Axminster

Mr Warner stressed that there is no confirmation yet, but the aim is to stage a concert (with performances on two consecutive days) and an exhibition to commemorate the start of World War I.

The branch is looking for new members, and Mr Warner said: "You do not have to be ex-service. We welcome men and women of all ages."

◆ Mr and Mrs Taylor have now stood down as Axminster's Poppy organisers after more than a decade in the job. The Legion is hoping to announce who will be taking over from them in the not too distant future.

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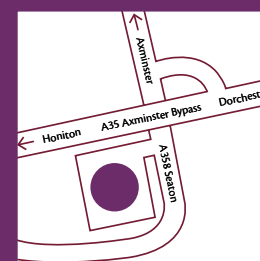
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Christmas Day fire at Luppitt

by Pulman's View reader Dick Sturch

IT'S Christmas morn and the turkey's on, next door neighbours been and gone. Then over the town the wail of a siren urgently calling for on-duty firemen. I ran to the door and grabbed my bike rode to the Station fast as I might. When I arrived the doors were open Christmas morning's silence broken. Flashing headlights, screaming tyres a call from Luppitt, a chimney fire.

High Street echoes to the sound of our bell, past Langford bridge for Dunkeswell. At Limer's Cross we're bearing right with Luppitt Common in our sight. Down to the village, past the church, close to the ditch our engine lurched. We see the smoke as we turn again, then into view as we enter the lane. A country cottage, its chimney alight and a very old lady in a terrible plight.

So pleased to see us, she begged us be quick as flame and sparks the thatched roof licked. Swiftly in we doused the grate and quickly choked the chimney's spate. Unable to thank us enough with her words she poured us a glass of 'Bramble and Wurts'. The size of her measures were bigger than most, soon emptied responding to Seasonal toasts. She quickly refilled them and we were aglow the bonhomie and laughter beginning to grow.

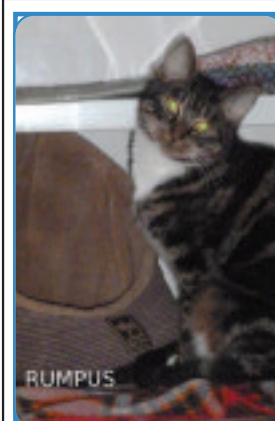
Nobody thought to look at the time while Ted was relating some of his rhymes. Bill with a giggle collapsed in a chair and Bert was certainly the worse for wear. We sang Christmas carols in voices loud. "We'll stay friends forever" all of us vowed. Toasting the New Year, our Station, and all I slipped from the sofa onto the floor.

Sid then managed to trip over my legs hanging on to his glass to finish the dregs.

Our Skipper declared "I'sh time to return" his face now set in a foolish gurn. He tried to stand, his legs unsteady, admitted to feeling somewhat heady. Our number one said "I'm OK," got to his feet then started to sway. We looked around for our number two but all we could see was his boot askew, Peering out from under a curtain, though if he was in it, we couldn't be certain.

I crawled to a seat in the back of the cab, the pain in my head beginning to stab. Then came the voice of someone new "They'm gonna sack the lot of you." I drifted away and started to dream saved by the Station's stand-in team.

This story's known to just a few. A bit of fiction, but the facts are true. And over time it fades away, that fire at Luppitt on Christmas Day.



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From the editor's chair



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BY the time you read this column you may well be into your Christmas celebrations, opened all those presents you never wanted, eaten too many mince pies and maybe enjoyed a few more glasses of port than you intended.

Hopefully, you will have been surrounded by family and friends, crossed the garden fence for a tippie with neighbours and been bored rigid by all those television repeats.

Perhaps you planned to go to the midnight carol service in your local church.

Christmas is all about tradition - and every family has its own way of celebrating.

Last year we were fortunate to have all our children at home, a rare occasion as one now lives in Australia. I was determined that we would do things differently - make a Christmas to remember - but the kids would have none of it.

"We want the Christmas we remember when we were young," they howled in unison.

So we put out a mince pie and glass of sherry for Santa, and a carrot for Rudolph, even though all my children are well past their teenage years and are partnered off, and made sure they all had a stocking.

A bottle of Advocat took pride of place on the drinks shelf, as it did in my Dad's day, just in case someone wanted a Snowball. They never do.

This Christmas we will wake up with none of our children in the house for the first time. It will be a strange feeling. But you know what? I'm going to do just what we did last year, and the year before. But, for a change, I will have sole control of the television remote!

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District extend reduced fees for festive parking

COUNCIL bosses were so pleased with a parking offer that it was reintroduced for the run-up to Christmas.

The offer first applied on Saturday, December 7th, to help boost trade in town centres.

The new offer meant that motorists could park in any East Devon District Council (EDDC) pay and display car park for a maximum daily charge of £2, providing they arrived no earlier than 10am.

In addition, the ticket was transferable to be used in any other EDDC car park during that day.

An EDDC spokesperson said: "EDDC has announced a further Christmas parking concession to help town centre businesses in the final few days of the run-up to Christmas.

"With effect from Wednesday, December 18th and up to Christmas Day, there will be daily repeats of the successful Small Business Saturday offer that applied on December 7th."

This means motorists can park all day (from 10am) for a maximum daily charge of just £2.

Councillor Iain Chubb, Cabinet Member for Envi-

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ronment, added: "We estimate that on Small Business Saturday an additional 400 customers were persuaded to buy a £2 ticket compared to previous years.

"We reckon that around half of these were customers who would previously have bought a cheaper ticket and so perhaps they were able to spend more time shopping in our towns. On balance we think the offer worked well for our towns."

Shoppers can park from 10am today (Christmas Eve) for just £2 in any EDDC pay and display car park.

The pay and display ticket is valid for re-use in any other EDDC pay and display car park for the remainder of the day.

So far, three customers have contacted EDDC to claim their Golden Ticket prizes of three months' free parking. There were 24 tickets left to be claimed, so look out for the gold cross.

GP surgeries will be open over the holiday period

HEALTH bosses have stressed that GP surgeries will be open for most of the Christmas and New Year period.

Angela Edmunds of Devon Local Medical Committee said: "GP practices will be open as nor-

mal on Christmas Eve and, with the exception of New Year's Day, from Friday, December 27th onwards.

"I'm not sure everyone realises that their doctor might well be available and this can place unne-

cessary pressure on other services which aren't intended to deal with more routine issues."

The Devon Doctors out-of-hours GP service will be accessible when GP practices are closed, though this service is available only for

those whose problem is urgent and cannot wait until their surgery reopens.

A Devon Doctors spokesperson said: "Historically, the Christmas and New Year period sees a sharp increase in people making unnecessary calls to emergency services, Devon Doctors and nurse-led Minor Injury Units which can create problems for people who have a critical need for these services.

"Remember, if you need general medical advice you can call the new NHS 111 service, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, while pharmacists are also able to give advice on minor problems such as that cold you might be trying to shake off before the festivities get under way.

"Of course, if you have a life-threatening condition you should dial 999 or go to the emergency department at your nearest acute hospital without delay."



■ KING'S Centre helper Steve Redhead is pictured at Honiton food bank with (from left to right) EDDC Community Development workers Alex Gibson, Polly Anderson and Victoria Robinson

Staff gift to food bank

EAST Devon District Council's Community Development Workers are donating £65 worth of food to a local food bank.

The funds were raised at the Honiton Community Festival in July, and have been saved until Christmas, when people in need feel it most.

The King's Centre Food Bank in Honiton offers more than just food. Families who visit are likely to be signposted towards further support, including debt advice, practical help with everyday tasks or even a Maths or English course.

Painful

Commenting on the donation, Councillor Jill Elson, EDDC's Cabinet Member for Sustainable Homes and Communities, said: "Christmas is a very special time, especially for families, and for many it is a time of plenty.

"Living amongst us are a number of people for whom Christmas is just a painful reminder of the shortages that afflict them all year – lack of money, lack of food and problems with heating bills.

"That's why I'm pleased that our hard-working community development workers are contributing

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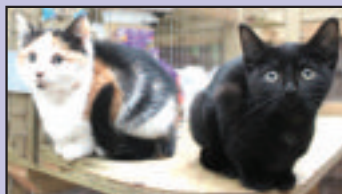


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WARREN – Bert aged 95 years of Branscombe.
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■ TOP TABLE Barry Rendall-Jones (Rotary in Devon District Governor), Leslie Crawford, John Lee OBE (High Sheriff of Devon), Paula Hullet (Children's Hospice SW), Ian Crawford (Rotary Club of Axminster President) and Wendy Rendall-Jones

Rotary Christmas lunch

ALMOST 100 people attended Rotary Club of Axminster's Christmas lunch in the guildhall on Friday, December 13th.

The precise number of people was 94, which is in line with recent years' figures.

After a traditional festive meal, Children's Hospice South West fundraising co-ordinator Paula

Hullet spoke about the hospice, its work and ambitions.

The raffle raised a total of £350, which was presented to the hospice.

Club spokesperson Bill Coltham thanked Mole Avon, Trinity House, Tesco and cake maker Kerri Spong for providing raffle prizes.



■ EUROPE TOGETHER: French stall holder Sebastien Bristiel (third from right) makes new friends in England

Ooh la la in Trinity Square!

THERE was a touch of France when a French market visited Axminster on Saturday December 14th.

It was agreed to hold the market at relatively short notice, which would explain the fact that only four or five stalls were up and running in Minster Square.

But, under the circumstances, the market seemed to go down well.

Axminster Chamber of Commerce is keen to increase the number of markets in the town, so took a keen interest in the French visit.

Chamber of commerce executive committee member Chris Tipping helped to promote the event by handing out fliers in the run up to the market.

He said: "I think it should have been larger but the organiser did well in the time he had.

"It was a very encouraging reaction. We'll have some different types of markets next year."

◆ Axminster's weekly Thursday market will not be held on Boxing Day. Instead, Lord of the Manor Jim Rowe, who holds the market rights, brought it forward to yesterday (Monday).

No decision yet on new Post Office

POST Office Ltd has thanked those who participated in the consultation on the proposed move of Axminster Post Office - but no decision has been made.

As previously reported, it has been proposed to relocate Axminster Post Office and make it part of Martin's (McColl's).

But many people and organisations have objected to the idea because the entrance to Martin's is on a narrow pavement alongside a busy road with heavy traffic.

The consultation closed in early November but Post Office Ltd would not say if any other businesses had expressed an interest in taking over the branch since the consultation started.

A Post Office spokesperson did, however, say: "The public consultation on the relocation of Axminster Post Office ended on November 6th.

"We are still considering all of the feedback received during the consultation and would like to thank the local community for engaging in the

process.

"Following a public consultation, we would usually expect to reach a decision in around one month's time, though this can take longer depending on the amount of correspondence received, the issues raised and other circumstances around the service in question.

"When a decision is made, we will inform customers and local representatives, and issue a press release announcing any change."

Pulman's View from the churches

With NIGEL SPELLER

RAY Hunter from Axminster writes:

"The comments I shared in a previous edition about whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things.

"I had an opportunity to do just that at a recent concert put on by St Mary's Catholic Primary School at the Minster in Axminster. The standard of musicianship and singing from the pupils in the orchestra and choir was excellent. It reminded me that we have a wonderful creator God who has put creativity in each one of us, and certainly in these young ones who are being encouraged to develop their musical and choral skills.

"According to the gospel of Luke, God cares about music too. Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests'. With the angels let us celebrate the birth of Jesus once again."

The Exeter Diocesan News for December/January urges that a warm welcome be given to all those coming to our churches this Christmas time. Research shows that the welcome that is offered makes all the difference and that it is everybody's role to engage with all visitors and especially new faces.

Some Christians will celebrate Christ's birthday in the face of violence and disaster, including those in the Middle East churches linked with Devon parishes. More

details can be seen at website www.frrme.org

In the New Year, Church of England parishes are likely to have an opportunity to discuss the latest Draft Legislation of Women in the Episcopate. This proposed legislation requires the final approval of the General Synod, which must first have received the approval of a majority of Church of England Diocesan Synods.

This in turn gives an opportunity for Deanery Synods to debate the proposal first, and the Exeter Bishop's Council wants this to be encouraged. This means that certain existing dates have to be altered and the Exeter Diocesan Synod will now meet on Saturday, May 17th (instead of March 29th), allowing Deaneries to meet and forward their views to their Diocesan Synod representatives.

The result of a Vote by the Diocesan Synod will then be sent to the General Synod Secretary by May 22nd. Queries may be referred to the Diocesan Synod Office at 01392 294931 or email sara.ash-ton@exeter.anglican.org

All this may seem a heavy matter to be brought forward at Christmas time but it will be appreciated this subject has been a long time under discussion and many are hoping that a final decision will be reached at this opportunity.

In the meantime we wish a happy Christmas to all our readers and hope you will be with in 2014.



Christingle service at St Giles' Church

ST Giles' Church in Kilmington was lit by candles and crowds streamed through the door for the Christingle Service on Sunday, December 8th, led by the Reverend Anne Mills.

The Christmas and memory trees donated by Millers Farm Shop were lit and decorated and there were already several stars on the Lady Chapel tree bearing names of loved ones to be remembered at Christmas.

The music group led the singing of some well known Advent and Christmas songs and Anna Crabbe introduced the newly-formed "Kilmington Singing Kids", who performed two songs very well considering that they had had little practise so far.

Following a reading by Nigel Burton and prayers by Ken Wilcox, the Christingles were lit after an explanation of their significance, and all the children were invited to collect one before singing "Away in a Manger". The collection was donated to the Children's Society.

Phoenix Ladies donate £300 to reading charity



AXMINSTER Phoenix Ladies Club has donated £300 to a voluntary organisation named Read Easy, which is about to start operating in the town.

Read Easy teaches grown-ups, whose reading skills for whatever reason never reached the expected level, to read on a one-to-one basis.

Read Easy's Vee Driscoll is also a volunteer with Axminster Job Club and decided to start sessions in the town when the need became apparent.

No fee is charged and the sessions are run by volunteers.

Anyone interested in using the service can find out more at www.readeasy.org.uk/mcm_people/bridport or phone 01297 552 847 and ask for Sheila Abdy.

■ PICTURED left, Lesley Frankau and Julia Walter of the Phoenix Ladies, and Vee Driscoll and Carole Hanna of Read Easy

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Cone thrown at car window

SOMEONE picked up a traffic cone and threw it through the back window of a car parked in Trinity Square, Axminster.

The offence took place at some point between 11pm and 11.30pm on Friday, December 13th.

Anyone with information that could help police is asked to call the force switchboard on 101.

The crime reference is KA/13/667.

Lunch club carols

AXE Valley Community College Choir's performance at a village hotel has been praised by the proprietor.

The Fairwater Head Hotel in Hawkchurch invited the college choir to sing a selection of Christmas carols at a meeting of the hotel's lunch club.

Hotel co-owner Adam Southwell said: "They were absolutely enchanting."

"I don't know how they do it, but they seem to get better each year. I'd like to thank everyone involved at the community college for making this such a great event."

**If you have a story for Axminster contact
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Counselling service: we can do more

THE clinical side of an Axminster-based counselling service has grown as much as it can in current premises, but more can be done to raise its profile.

That is the verdict of ARC founder and psychotherapist Catherine Davies.

ARC is a charity set up in 2007 to provide one-to-one counselling and emotional support.

Although it is self-funded and enjoys no NHS money, it is integrated with the NHS mental health structure and referrals are made through Axminster Medical Practice.

Catherine said: "We are totally inte-

grated but also totally independent, which means we have maintained a degree of clinical flexibility."

As a result, patients can be seen straight away most of the time and there is no limit to how many sessions a patient can be offered.

Free services

The annual cost to run ARC is in the region of £30,000 but its services are free of charge.

Apart from offering clinical services, ARC also aims to remove the stigma that often comes with mental health issues.

ARC chairman Dr Barry McKenna said: "We are a bit like cancer charities when they started."

"Thirty years ago nobody really discussed cancer, it was a bit of a taboo."

"But today people talk about cancer, and we are trying to do the same by demystifying and destigmatising mental health issues."

ARC is based in the Restharrow building close to Axminster Medical Practice.

ARC's main income is generated from the shop in Chard Street and ARC currently has nine clinical members (counsellors or therapists) all on the British

Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy register.

The current premises don't allow for expansion, but ARC wants to raise its profile in the community further.

Catherine said: The clinical work has to be private behind closed doors, but our ethos is to be an open and well-integrated part of the community.

"The shop helped with that, it has become ARC's street presence."

Since it opened in 2007, ARC has received 1,200 referrals and provided about 10,000 hours of one-to-one counselling.

Hunters quiz raises £250 for Flamingo Pool fund

A QUIZ night at Hunters Lodge Inn generated £250 for Flamingo Pool in Axminster.

Neville Causley, landlord at the Hunters Lodge Inn, said: "We like to be able to help local groups and charities like Flamingo Pool as they are at the heart of the community."

"We were really pleased with the amount that was raised."

Flamingo Pool manager Steve Buxton said: "We would like to thank Neville and his team at the Hunters Lodge for hosting the evening, providing nibbles, preparing the quiz and helping us to raise funds."

"The winner of the raffle, entitled to half of the raffle proceeds, generously donated their winnings back to the pool."



MEMBERS of Axminster Hospital League of Friends joined staff and patients for the league's annual carol service. The service was held in the hospital's Conybeare Ward and was taken by the Reverend John Streeting in the afternoon on Wednesday of last week

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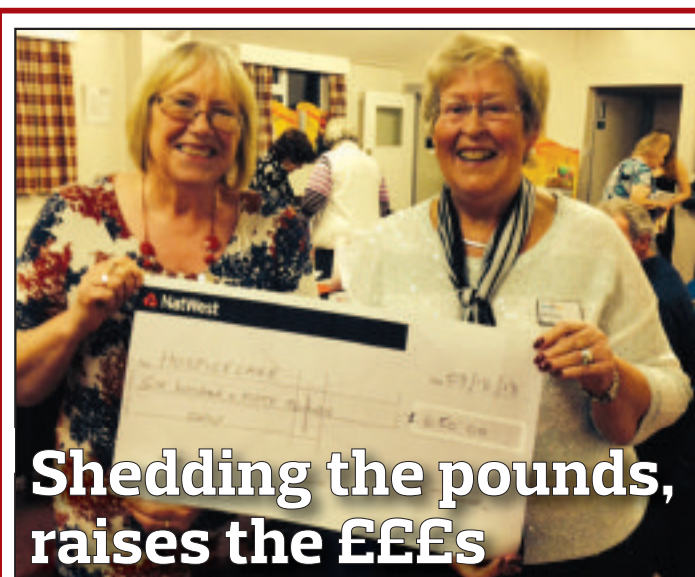
Lions' foodbank fundraiser



SEATON and District Lions Club made two cheque presentations during their Christmas Table Top Sale.

The Reverend Simon d'Albertanson is pictured above receiving a cheque on behalf of the Seaton Food Bank, with shoppers at the table top sale pictured left.

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Shedding the pounds, raises the £££s

A SEATON slimmer has raised £650 for Hospiscare by shedding the pounds.

Helen Jones' Slimming World group asked if any of its members would like to take on a sponsored slim - and member Sandra Tidmarsh decided to take on the challenge.

Sandra said: "I was waiting to go into hospital for an operation on my foot. I decided to take on the challenge mainly because I would be off my feet for two-and-a-half months and to be lighter would make life easier.

"So I set a four stone target, which I reached the week before my operation. To help me do this I asked family, friends, workmates and Slimming World members to sponsor me.

"I was pleased to have raised £325 but

then asked my employers, Provident Personnel Credit, if they would match the money I had raised.

"The company do a lot to help various charities in the community and I'm pleased to say they did - bringing the total to £650.

"The cheque was presented to Hospiscare, based at Seaton Community Hospital.

"I chose this particular charity as they cared for a very close friend of mine and helped her family through a very difficult time; they also rely solely on donations.

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Sandra is pictured above presenting her cheque to Hospiscare's Eve Deanus.

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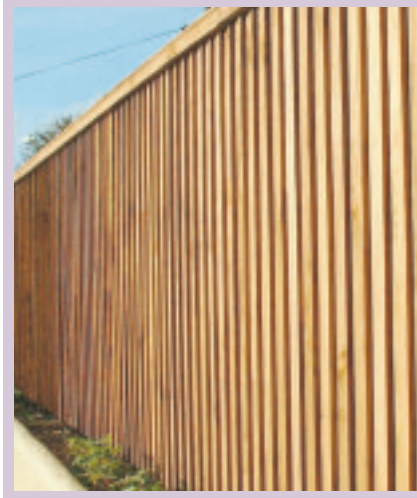
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Miles Jupp to perform in Exeter for 'Laugh Out Loud' Festival

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Brain Gym

No.253

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

- 1. Girl and writer run off to marry (8)
- 5. Box and get some blows in return (4)
- 9. Ruler in somewhat sarcastic mood (4)
- 10. Separate - that's abundantly clear (8)
- 11. Hiding place many yearn to find (5)
- 12. This still produces moonshine (7)
- 13. Where to sit and be patient while another is down in the mouth! (8,5)
- 18. But this is quite different from mal-de-mer (3-5)
- 19. What the waves do to a ship (4)
- 20. I meant having a change to stimulate (7)
- 21. Seat of learning? (5)
- 22. Not far off night (4)
- 23. They get knocked down in alleys (8)

Down

- 2. Subjugate a European in the East-North-East (7)
- 3. You're in a sound position in this (7)
- 4. A boring affliction (4,2,3,4)
- 6. Use this and presumably all's well (7)
- 7. Device that still goes round with part missing (7)
- 8. Not an upright type (6)
- 13. Dad is wrong in showing contempt (7)
- 14. Getting closer in range perhaps (7)
- 15. He comes from the cinema (3-3)
- 16. A one-handed wood-cutter (7)
- 17. Encourage another to breathe? (7)

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Quick Clues:

Across

- 1. Scorn (8)
- 5. Slave (4)
- 9. Sad to say! (4)
- 10. Shorten (8)
- 11. Evenly balanced (5)
- 12. Copy (7)
- 13. Imperfection (13)
- 18. Rite (8)
- 19. Whirlpool (4)
- 20. Beginning (7)
- 21. Tender (5)
- 22. Always (4)
- 23. Monocle (8)

Down

- 2. Indirect (7)
- 3. Leaving a will (7)
- 4. Temporarily (13)
- 6. Arise (7)
- 7. Suitability (7)
- 8. Contention (6)
- 13. Refuse (7)
- 14. Stealthy (7)
- 15. Perpetrate (6)
- 16. Requisite (7)
- 17. Sorrow (7)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Indeed; 4 Canals; 9 Consideration; 10 Epistle; 11 Erase; 12 Again; 14 Crest; 18 Roams; 19 Ostreich; 21 Mathematician; 22 Thrust; 23 Jersey. Down: 1 Inches; 2 Danc-ing master; 3 Evict; 5 Amateur; 6 Animal spirits; 7 Sonnet; 8 Level; 13 Insteps; 15 Prompt; 16 Local; 17 Shanty; 20 Thine. QUICK - Across: 1 Refuge; 4 Advise; 9 Correspondent; 10 Askance; 11 Ether; 12 Moral; 14 Syrup; 18 Pilot; 19 Be- witch; 21 Indispensable; 22 Eleven; 23 Defend. Down: 1 Racial; 2 Foreknowledge; 3 Green; 5 Densely; 6 Inexhaustible; 7 Extort; 8 Speed; 13 Artist; 15 Sprite; 16 Abbey; 17 Shrewd; 20 Waste.

Diary Dates

UNTIL JANUARY 4TH

AXMINSTER: Axminster Arts are exhibiting works by Axminster Art Society and Dalwood Spinners throughout December. Axminster Arts Society presents an exhibition with the theme "At Home". Come and see how each artist has interpreted the subject and be prepared for some surprises! Dalwood spinners, a local craft group who create hand made gifts, give all of the proceeds from their sales to South West Children's Hospice. Crafts produced by other artisans are also on sale and could be suitable for Christmas gifts. Axminster Arts Café, The Old Courthouse, Church Street, EX13 5AQ. 01297 631455. Opening hours Mon-Sat 9am-2pm

MONDAY DECEMBER 30TH

SEATON: Axe Vale and District Conservation Society Walk, at the Undercliffs - The Chasm. With Donald Campbell - for Seaton Visitor Centre Trust. Meet at Stepps Lane (SY265903). For more details call 01297 552945.

SIDMOUTH: Drop in Stay & Play for under 5's, with Health Clinic at Sidmouth Children's Centre. 9.30-11.15am.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 31ST

KILMINGTON: Western Spirit Linedance New Year's Eve Disco at the village hall, Whitford Road. 7.30pm-12.30am. Pop/Country/Jazz and more. Quizzes and a few other surprises throughout the evening. Tickets on sale now £8 each! Bring and share buffet, BYO drinks. Non Line Dancers welcome. Tea and coffee available. For more details or to book call 07985 234149 or email marina@westernspirit.co.uk

OTTERY ST MARY: Live music from John De Barra at the Kings Arms.

FRIDAY JANUARY 3RD

SIDMOUTH: Drop in Bumps and Babes - run with health, for babies until they are crawling at Sidmouth Children's Centre, 10am-11.30am.

SATURDAY JANUARY 4TH

EXMOUTH: John De Barra at Exmouth Con Club.

MONDAY JANUARY 6TH

AXMINSTER: Bingo at the Guildhall. Doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

SIDMOUTH: Drop in Stay & Play for under 5's, with Health Clinic at Sidmouth Children's Centre. 9.30-11.15am.

OTTERY ST MARY: Baby Oasis - weekly drop in offering social support for breastfeeding mums at Ottery Children's Centre, 10.30am-12noon.

TUESDAY JANUARY 7TH

SIDMOUTH: Rhyme Time - drop in for younger non-mobile babies, at Sidmouth Children's Centre, 1.30-2pm.

SIDMOUTH: Music & Movement - drop in for children on their feet, at Sidmouth Children's Centre, 2.15-3pm

OTTERY ST MARY: Tuesday Tots - drop in for under 5's led by parents for parents at Otter Children's Centre from 2-3pm.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 8TH

COLYTON: Images of Dartmoor an illustrated talk to be presented by Tony Burges (Dartmoor Guide) at 2.30pm in the Pavillion, Peace Memorial Playing Fields, Coly Road (EX24 5PU). All welcome, DA Members £1 non-members £3. Organised by the Devonshire Association (Axe Valley Branch), contact the Chairman, Dr David Westlake (01297 678529) for more information.

OTTERY ST MARY: Drop in Stay & Play for under 5's at Old Boy's School, 9.30am-11am.

OTTERY ST MARY: Drop in Bumps & Babes at Ottery Children's centre, for babies until they are crawling, 1.30-3pm.

PINHAY: Axe Vale and District Conservation Society Work Party on the Undercliffs. Laurel clearance, step building. Park at Pinhay (SY316914). 10am-4pm. Bring lunch if staying. For more details call 01297 552945 or 01460 220650. Non-members welcome.

THURSDAY JANUARY 9TH

FENITON: Feniton Stay & Play, drop in group for under 5's at Youth Centre, 1.45-3.15pm.

OTTERY ST MARY: Drop in Clinic at Ottery Hospital 2-4pm

FRIDAY JANUARY 10TH

SIDMOUTH: Drop in Bumps and Babes - run with health, for babies until they are crawling at Sidmouth Children's Centre, 10am-11.30am.

SATURDAY JANUARY 11TH

BEER: Breakfast Bonanza at Bay View Tea Rooms, Fore Street from 9.30am to 12noon. £5.50 per person. Come and enjoy breakfast and support Puffins at Beer Preschool.

SUNDAY JANUARY 12TH

SIDMOUTH: Pete Allen jazz - clarinet/saxes/vocals. An entertaining at exciting solo music show. Held at NEW VENUE Woodlands Hotel, Station Road (EX10 8HG). Doors open 2pm, music from 3-5.30pm. Licensed bar, light snacks available, free car parking, admission £7.50 on the door. For more details call 078 999 25194. For pre-show Sunday lunch and accommodation, call Hotel reception on 01395 513120.

MONDAY JANUARY 13TH

HONITON: Honiton Art Society meeting in Awliscombe Village hall, 2-4pm. Demonstrations by



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INTERNATIONALLY acclaimed musician Ben Waters and his band are delighted to be returning to the Marine to celebrate the arrival of their Christmas jumpers with a stonking festive party!

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an idea of his pedigree; Ray Davies asked him to perform at his Melt-down Festival at the Royal Festival Hall, Jools Holland, Ben's good friend and mentor (who asked Ben to play at his wedding) wrote in the Mail on Sunday that Ben is one of the best pianists of all time, and Ben has been touring with the amazing ABC&D of Boogie Woogie which features, amongst others, the one and only Charlie Watts.

Ben Waters and his band rock the

place like no-one else can. This really isn't a gig to be missed.

The Ben Waters Band Christmas Party takes place this Saturday, December 28th at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis. Doors open 7.45pm, with the band onstage at 8.30pm.

Tickets cost £14, or £12 concessions, and are available online at www.marinetheatre.com or by calling 01297 442138. A Theatre Friends discount is available.

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Diary Dates

Farmyard Animals in Acrylics. All are welcome. Visitors £2.

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SIDMOUTH: Drop in Stay & Play for under 5's, with Health Clinic at Sidmouth Children's Centre. 9.30-11.15am.

TUESDAY JANUARY 14TH

SIDMOUTH: Rhyme Time - drop in for younger non-mobile babies, at Sidmouth Children's Centre, 1.30-2pm.

SIDMOUTH: Music & Movement - drop in for children on their feet, at Sidmouth Children's Centre, 2.15-3pm

OTTERY ST MARY: Tuesday Tots - drop in for under 5's led by parents for parents at Otter Children's Centre from 2-3pm.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15TH - SATURDAY JAN 18TH

COLYTON: Alice in Blunderland. A colourful traditional family pantomime by Colyton Theatre Group - come and see the marching bunnies, the horrible ogre, and beautiful Alice. Colyton Town Hall, £7 adult, £4 under 16s. Box Offices: Little Shop & Buddens Chemist Colyton, Pennys Estate Agents Seaton, Rousdon Stores.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15TH

OTTERY ST MARY: Drop in Stay & Play for under 5's at Old Boy's School, 9.30am-11am.

OTTERY ST MARY: Drop in Bumps & Babes at Ottery Children's centre, for babies until they are crawling, 1.30-3pm.

THURSDAY JANUARY 16TH

OTTERY ST MARY: Drop in Clinic at Ottery Hospital 2-4pm

FRIDAY JANUARY 17TH

SIDMOUTH: Drop in Bumps and Babes - run with health, for babies until they are crawling at Sidmouth Children's Centre, 10am-11.30am.

SATURDAY JANUARY 18TH

UPLYME: Jumble Sale at Uplyme Village Hall, 2pm. 40p entry. In aid of 1st Lym Valley Scout Group. For more details call 01297 678 351.

SUNDAY JANUARY 19TH

SEATON: John De Barra at Eyre Court from 4-7pm.

MONDAY JANUARY 20TH

AXMINSTER: Bingo at the Guildhall. Doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

SIDMOUTH: Drop in Stay & Play for under 5's, with Health Clinic at Sidmouth Children's Centre. 9.30-11.15am.

TUESDAY JANUARY 21ST

SIDMOUTH: Rhyme Time - drop in for younger non-mobile babies, at Sidmouth Children's Centre, 1.30-2pm.

SIDMOUTH: Music & Movement - drop in for children on their feet, at Sidmouth Children's Centre, 2.15-3pm

OTTERY ST MARY: Baby Oasis - weekly drop in offering social support for breastfeeding mums at Ottery Children's Centre, 10.30am-12noon.

OTTERY ST MARY: Tuesday Tots - drop in for under 5's led by parents for parents at Otter Children's Centre from 2-3pm.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 22ND

UPLYME: Talk: 'Secrets of a Victorian Walled Garden' by Chris Smith of Pennard Plants - Chelsea Gold Medallist. From 7.30pm at Uplyme Village Hall. Organised by Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society. Members free, non-members £3. For more details call 01297 444034.

AXMINSTER: Cooking and Eating when pregnant with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families) at No HALFF Measures, South Street from 1.30-3pm. A course of 4 practical sessions for Mums and Dads to be, including cooking demonstrations, tasty healthy recipes, nutrition for you and your unborn child, breast feeding, weaning and more! To guarantee a place contact Sandra@halff.org.uk or call HALFF on 01297 631782 for more information.

OTTERY ST MARY: Drop in Stay & Play for under 5's at Old Boy's School, 9.30am-11am.

OTTERY ST MARY: Drop in Bumps & Babes at Ottery Children's centre, for babies until they are crawling, 1.30-3pm.

THURSDAY JANUARY 23RD

FENITON: Feniton Stay & Play, drop in group for under 5's at Youth Centre, 1.45-3.15pm.

OTTERY ST MARY: Drop in Clinic at Ottery Hospital 2-4pm

FRIDAY JANUARY 24TH

SIDMOUTH: Drop in Bumps and Babes - run with health, for babies until they are crawling at Sidmouth Children's Centre, 10am-11.30am.

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Travel for Miles

MILES Jupp – actor, writer and comedian – is making a return to stand-up and going on his first live UK tour since the hugely successful *Fibber In The Heat* with which he toured the UK twice and performed in London's West End in 2012. He's not been all that idle since – regularly appearing on *Have I Got News For You*, *The News Quiz*, *Mock The Week* as well as an assortment of other shows of that ilk and acting in Alan Bennett's *People at the National Theatre* for 8 months.

In this show Miles will be discussing/ ranting/ describing: himself,

you, domestic imprisonment, fatherhood, having to have opinions, hot drinks, the bloody government, bad balance, housing, ill health, the aging process, navigation, other people's pants and, inevitably, a number of other things.

Pretty spicy stuff, I'm sure you'll agree. Bits of it will be quite mild-mannered, and some of it will probably be a tad on the strop side.

He played Nigel in *Rev.*, John Duggan in *The Thick Of It* and Owen in *Spy*, as well as appearing in Michael Winterbottom's *The Look Of Love* and George Clooney's *Monuments Men*.



A regular on Radio 4, he hosts the panel show *It's Not What You Know*, and his sitcom *In And Out Of The Kitchen* was nominated for a Writers' Guild Award.

Miles Jupp performs at Exeter Phoenix on Wednesday, January 29th at 8pm. The show is suitable for ages 16+, and tickets cost £15, available online at www.exeterphoenix.org.uk or by calling 01392 667080.

The show is part of Exeter's 'Laugh Out Loud' Comedy Festival, running from January 17th until February 7th

Enjoy the festive season at the Pecorama Play Station

PECORAMA'S recently opened and very popular indoor play area, 'The Play Station', will be open from until Sunday, January 5th 2014, between 11am and 4.30pm daily (excluding December 24th, 25th, 26th and January 1st).

"For the first time in Peco history, we are delighted to have a major facility in the Pecorama 'Play Station' open over the winter period and especially for the School Christmas holidays," commented Mark Ridgers, Pecorama's Tourism Manager, "We have been extremely pleased with the reaction to the Play Station from both our younger visitors and their parents"

In addition to day-to-day visitors, the Play Station has attracted a great deal of interest for birthday



parties and other celebrations. Refreshments and free Wi-Fi are also available.

The Play Station opened in October this year having been thoroughly road tested by children from many local schools and play-groups.

Admission charges: Supervising adults are FREE; 1-3 years - £3.50; 4-12 years - £5.00.

For further information please contact Karen Chipperfield or Mark Ridgers by calling 01297 21542 or emailing pecorama@pecobeer.co.uk



Actors needed for New Jerusalem Devon project

COMMON Players in association with Exeter Northcott Theatre are seeking new and aspiring professionals and skilled amateurs alike to perform in Jerusalem in May and June 2014.

From Common Players, in association with Exeter Northcott Theatre; a new production, of Jez Butterworths' play Jerusalem will tour Devon in May and June 2014, and will be made in a new way, involving local artists, and teaching new skills.

Jerusalem was first performed in 2009 and became the Evening Standard's Best Play of the Year. It is an epic and heroic play about our great British need for a connection with the landscape and our roots; an underpinning theme of the 2012 Olympic opening ceremony.

In part a lament about the erosion of country life and in part a rebuff to the antiseptic modern world, Jerusalem charts the chaotic and hilarious events over the 24 hours of a local mid-summer festival. Imagine *Midsummer Nights' Dream* populated with characters straight out of *Shameless* and *Skins*.

Our New Jerusalem project will take this indoor play and plant it outside, locating its roots in and around the communities of the Westcountry. We are creating a new midsummer event with the play at its centre, and we are forming a dynamic team to take part in this unique and challenging journey into uncharted territory, and you could be in it.

THE OPPORTUNITY

It's an opportunity for new and aspiring professionals and skilled amateurs alike. The lively characters in the play are mostly in their 20's and 50's. And this offer is not just for actors, we are also offering people keen to work backstage and in other supporting roles, the chance to hone their skills working alongside industry professionals.

A team of 30 will be led by director Anthony Richards who, as chief of Common Players has con-

siderable experience of working outdoors, as well as directing *Educating Rita* and *Talking Heads* with Uncommon Players and Exeter Northcott. He is joined by other professionals; designers, a voice coach, musical director, marketing experts, producers and technicians to navigate through an intense experience to create a top quality production. All participants will get significant exposure to professional practice and a real developmental challenge.

We are now accepting interest and applications from people of all walks of life to take up voluntary roles that include Actors, Wardrobe Assistants, an Assistant Director, Assistant Stage Managers, Set Construction Assistants, and Technical Assistants. Details about all of these roles and how to apply can be found on the project website – <http://www.newjerusalem.org.uk> – but be quick! The deadline to sign up is Monday 13th January 2014.

Exeter Northcott's Associate Producer Sophie McCormack says; "These opportunities are perfect for anyone who wants to gain experience of working on a professional and innovative theatre project. The play itself is one of the most popular and relevant in recent years, giving all who take part the chance to take real ownership over a truly exciting production for Devon communities."

THE PROCESS

In February 2014 successful applicants will enjoy a series of workshops, at the end of which we will select people to stay on for the whole journey. Rehearsals in April will be designed to fit around daytime commitments wherever possible and will lead to performances in May and June 2014.

Contact Sophie McCormack at S.M.McCormack@exeter.ac.uk with any questions about how to take part and come along to the Exeter Northcott Theatre on Thursday 9 January at 7pm for more information and to meet the creative team.

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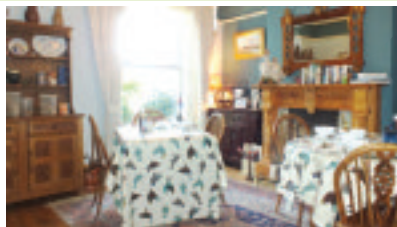
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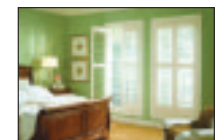
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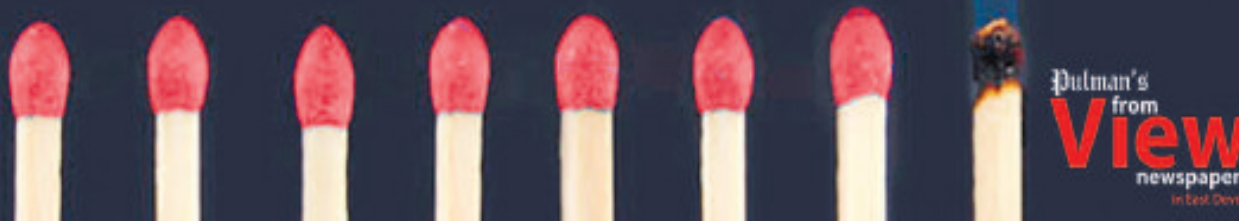
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All-new Ford Transit offers best-in-class cost of ownership and load carrying capability

FORD'S all-new Transit commercial vehicle will provide businesses with best-in-class cost-of-ownership and load carrying capability when it arrives in early 2014.

The all-new Ford Transit two-tonne model – available from £20,795** – offers customers significantly reduced maintenance and repair costs, exceptional durability, increased cargo volumes, and smart loadspace features, as well as best-in-class fuel efficiency with the extended choice of Transit ECONetic models.

The new model is part of an unprecedented 24-month renewal of Ford's entire commercial vehicle range for Europe, and comes to market alongside International Van of the Year winners for 2013 and 2014, the Ford Transit Custom (one-tonne model) and Ford Transit Connect, with the Ford Transit Courier also to be launched next year.

"Ford's flagship Transit model is once again setting the standard in its class by cutting running costs, shifting bigger loads and pioneering valuable new technologies," said Paul Randle, vehicle line director, Global Commercial Vehicles, Ford of Europe. "All this together with a vast choice of model options and of course legendary Transit toughness."

The all-new Ford Transit is based on a state-of-the-art global platform and replaces the heavier Transit derivatives in Ford's commercial vehicle line-up, joining the successful new Ford Transit Custom in the European range. Ford earlier this year celebrated the production of the seven millionth Transit van since it launched the iconic brand in 1965.

Outstanding cost-of-ownership, efficient powertrains and Transit toughness

The Transit ECONetic models deliver best-in-class CO2 emissions from 169g/km (with 62mph fixed speed limiter), equivalent to combined fuel consumption from 44.1mpg. Compared to the already highly fuel efficient

ECONetic version of the outgoing Transit, fuel consumption has been reduced by a further six per cent.

Powered by a uniquely calibrated 125PS 2.2-litre Duratorq TDCi diesel from Dagenham, equipped with Auto-Start-Stop and Ford's innovative Acceleration Control feature, the Transit ECONetic range now extends to six different van models with gross vehicle mass (GVMs) of up to 3.5 tonnes.

The standard Ford Transit powertrain features the fuel-efficient 2.2-litre Duratorq diesel engine with a choice of three power ratings (100PS, 125PS, 155PS) and a 6-speed manual transmission; customers also have the option of 125PS and

155PS HDT6 engines which meet the Euro HDT VI emission standards.

Available in front-wheel drive, rear-wheel drive and all-wheel drive versions, the all-new Ford Transit also offers extended 2-year/30,000 miles service intervals, with the time required for scheduled maintenance over 90,000 miles cut from 5.4 to 4.2 hours over the outgoing model.

Ford analysis of a basket of 23 repair items shows that the new model is class-leading for non-scheduled maintenance times; for example, the labour required for a rear brake disc repair has been cut from 2.6 to 1.3 hours. Expensive fuelling errors are avoided by the unique, standard-fit, Ford Easy Fuel system.

The new generation model has been engineered to deliver outstanding durability. Its im-

mensely strong body construction features high-strength and ultra-high-strength boron steels, and offers a comprehensive 12-year anti-perforation warranty.

Subjected to Ford's ultra-stringent global commercial vehicle testing and durability standards, the all-new Transit has covered the equivalent of nearly seven million miles in arduous testing in Europe and North America – the same as driving around the globe 275 times – with more than 310,000 miles of that total covered by actual Transit customers.

For the first time, the new model has also undergone a series of extreme strength tests to ensure the vehicle would behave in a safe and predictable manner when subjected to the worst kinds of impacts experienced in real-world use: one test involving striking a 150mm kerb at 30mph.

New level of capability and versatility

The all-new Transit offers increased cargo capacity of up to 11 per cent more than the outgoing model and a range of innovative loadspace features for easier and more secure load carrying.

The purposeful, modern exterior design of the Van model conceals a load area which can accommodate key standard-length items including pipes or building boards, and which has more vertical side walls and larger, more practical door openings. The side load doors now have a class-leading opening width of 1,300mm for easier loading and unloading with fork-lift trucks.

Model-for-model, load volume has been increased by around 10 per cent compared to the outgoing Transit: for example, the L2 van's maximum volume with standard full steel bulkhead has risen from 10.3 to 11.2m³, enabling it to now transport four Europallets and carry 3.0m length items along the floor. The largest Jumbo van can swallow 15.1m³ of cargo behind the bulkhead.



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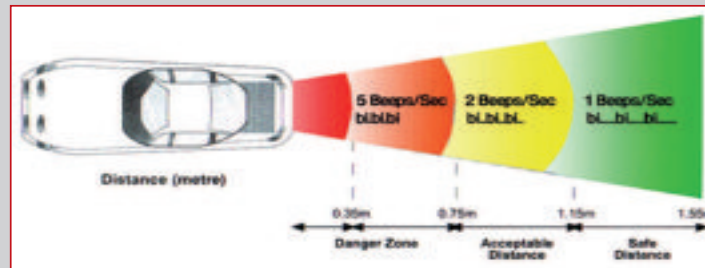
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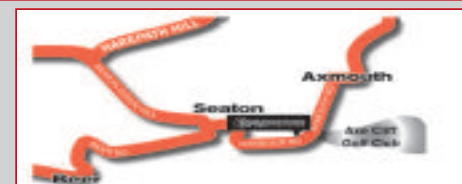
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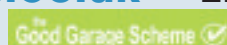


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Four-in-a-row for the Fiat Doblò Cargo in the 2014 What Van? Awards

THE FIAT Professional range has enjoyed more award success this week, with the FIAT Doblò Cargo securing the "Light Van of the Year" award in the 2014 What Van? Awards, the fourth year in succession it has won this prestigious accolade.

The What Van? judging panel has once again lauded the FIAT Doblò Cargo's class-leading blend of versatility, eco-friendliness, driver appeal, technology and the strong value it represents to a broad swathe of customers, be they large corporations, small businesses or owner-operators.

"FIAT's Doblò Cargo again leads its segment in providing the best option for operators seeking a practical and economical light van," said What Van? Editor Paul Barker. "The styling, breadth of range and cost-efficiency all help bring Fiat Professional's light van to the top of the sector."

Commenting on the award, Sebastiano Fedrigo, director, FIAT Professional UK noted: "This is one of the most competitive segments in the LCV market and to be recognised for the fourth successive year by the experts at What Van? is very gratifying for everyone at FIAT Professional who works hard to keep the Doblò Cargo ahead of the game by offering our customers more choice, lower running costs and more technology."

The What Van? Awards are decided by the editorial team of the UK's leading light commercial vehicle title, and reward the top performers in the van industry.

The FIAT Doblò Cargo is built on a bespoke platform that bestows it with tremendous versatility and adaptability. With a payload of up to one tonne and a load volume of up to 5.0m³, the Doblò Cargo has impressive carrying capacity both in terms of weight and size, while the Bi-Link rear suspension ensures a smooth ride and sure-footed handling. Its engine range continues to evolve to provide both lower emissions and running costs, particularly when combined with FIAT Professional's Blue&Me eco:Drive technology, which manages driver behaviour to encourage more economical and efficient driving.



▲ FIAT Doblò Cargo – "Light Van of the Year" What Van? 2014 Award

Audi shines bright to mark the shortest day of the year

AS THE UK's shortest day looms on December 21, Audi has fittingly plunged some of the luminaries from its range into near-darkness to create a unique set of photographs. The four excerpts from the now 49 model-strong Audi line-up are shown in a new light with the help of a photographic technique known as 'light painting', in which exposures are made by moving a hand-held light source or camera to selectively illuminate parts of the car or to create stunning light trails around it.

Audi models are particularly well equipped for the darkest weeks of the year as they are either fitted as standard, or available with the option of, high intensity xenon gas discharge headlamps or new, even more penetrating LED headlights, depending on the model chosen. Both light types are also flanked by signature LED daytime running lamps which further enhance safety.

To help drivers contend with the potentially hazardous road conditions which often accompany shorter days, Audi also offers over 140 model options equipped with quattro all-wheel drive for added protection against the elements.

The shortest day, with just under eight hours of daylight, brings sunrise at 8.04 AM and sunset at 3.53 PM (based on London timings) making December one of the most challenging months for UK drivers.

The much-loved Audi RS range is represented in the fast fading light photo opportunity by the supremely powerful RS 5 Cabriolet, which can provide year-round top-down thrills courtesy of its potent 4.2-litre, 450PS V8 harnessed by quattro all-wheel drive. Capable of 0-62mph in 4.9 seconds, and an electronically limited 155 mph top speed which can be raised on request to 174mph, the most extreme Audi soft-top this side of the R8 Spyder is priced from £68,985 OTR.



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Shane Teskey, Senior Manager, Consumer Services for HPI, explains: "Last year 2.7 million used cars were sold privately in the UK and Northern Ireland, which could equate to over £480 million pounds spent on faulty cars being repaired. Too many used car buyers are falling foul of dodgy cars from shifty sellers. Don't be hoodwinked into parting with your cash without conducting rigorous checks. People rarely buy a house without having a survey, so why would they happily buy a car without having it inspected?"

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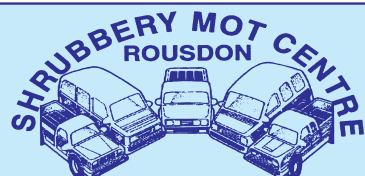
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Festive sport round-up

bowls honiton

THE HONITON Men were in action last Wednesday in an Over 60s County Trophy match against the Ex-mo, Madeira Club writes Tony Broughton.

Scores: Ken Clarke, Peter Baker, Keith Parsons and Eddie Sharman won at home 23-19.

Also at home, Ian Veitch, Mike Dart, Tony Tooley and Trevor Pipe won 19-16.

Away: Terry House, Peter Goodwin, Bill Sheerman and Mike Smith won 18-17 but Fred Cowey, Denis Hillyear, Bernard Tonkin and Malcolm Seaborne went down 17-29.

Although Honiton won on three of the four rinks they lost the match 77-81.

I seem to remember a similar affair in a semi-final of the Middleton Cup, (The England Inter County Championship), during the 1990s.

Norfolk lost on five of the six rinks that day but the John Ottaway rink, a great England and Commonwealth Games player, had a huge win and carried the match.

I think the opposition said "Oh Blow", or a few similar words.

John is a very quiet unassuming man, a lovely man that many players don't know as a Bowls Legend, but he is one of only three men to have won the English Bowls Singles Championship more than twice.

The first was Percy Baker (four times from 1932-55) the second the legendary David Bryant six times from 1960-75 and John 1989, 1996 and 2000.

In the last effort he beat Devon's own John Evans of Torquay in the semi-final 21-16 and Andy Wise from Marlow 21-9 in the final.

He played for England right through from 1985 to 2009 in the 1988, 1992 and 2000 World Bowls and the 1990, 1998 and 2002 Commonwealth Games.

He won the team Gold and two Bronze medals in the 1988 Worlds Championships and the four's Gold in the 2002 Commonwealth Games. Honiton played Kingsley last Saturday in the County Trophy competition.

Honiton had a decisive win of 82-75.

Scores (home) Wally Heard, Keith Parsons, Tony Tooley and Trevor Pipe 22-12. Ken Clarke, Denis Hillyear, Malcolm Seaborne and Eddie Sharman 29-11 and away, Terry House, Steve Coles, Mike Smith and Phil Spreadbury 8-31, Peter Goodwin, Roger Binmore, Kieran Daniels and Kevin Lovering 23-21.

Honiton now go through to the quarter finals and play North Devon, Barnstaple.

Finally, one mixed friendly match played Saturday against Chardstock was an 80-65 victory.

Honiton top rink was Dave Jones, Joan Mackintosh, Harry Riley and Ken Morley with 30-16.

swimming chard & district swimming club

Busy time for local swimmers

CHARD Swimming Club recently competed in their final Open Meets of 2013 - the Yeovil Christmas Meet held over two days at Millfield, the West Dorset Meet held at Dorchester and the Regional short course Championships at Millfield writes Hannah Pullinger.

The Yeovil Meet saw 157 swimmers aged between 9-17 taking part, notching up some great performances, gaining 15 top three medal positions; eight Golds, five Silvers and two Bronzes.

Six Regional qualifying times and an amazing 34 County times were also achieved over the two days between the swimmers.

New Club records were also set by Melissa Hanson 15, 400m freestyle, and Henry

Taswell 12, 50 and 200m backstroke.

Golds went to: Ben Fowler 17, 50m backstroke and 100m freestyle, Melissa Hanson 15, 100m backstroke, 400m freestyle, and Henry Taswell 12, 50 and 200m backstroke, 50 and 100m butterfly.

Silvers were awarded to: Melissa Hanson 15, 400m Individual Medley, 200m freestyle, Lewis Pearson 14, 400m freestyle, and Henry Taswell 12, 50 and 100m freestyle.

Bronzes went to: Lewis Pearson 14, 200m backstroke and Leo Kindred 12, 100m bstroke.

◆ The West Dorset Meet had 18 swimmers competing, gaining 29 top three medal positions: 11 Golds, eight Silvers and 10 Bronzes, with four Regional times achieved and 26 County qualifying times

achieved.

Golds went to Ollie Bilbie 15, 50 and 100m freestyle, 50 and 100m backstroke, Jake Hallam 17, 100m freestyle, 100m breaststroke, Xanthe Dyer 11, 100m breaststroke, Baylei Callow 11, 50m butterfly, Abi Greenslade 9, 50m freestyle, 50m butterfly, Milie Downes 9, 50m breaststroke, Silvers were won by: Ollie Bilbie 15, 50m butterfly, Simon Davis 12, 100m butterfly, Joss Copeman 11, 50m freestyle, 50m butterfly, Xanthe Dyer 100m freestyle, Megan Herbert 11, 50m butterfly, Abi Greenslade 100m Individual Medley and Cole Dickinson 9, 50m butterfly.

Bronzes went to: Simon Davis 100m Individual Medley, Joss Copeman 100m freestyle, 100m butterfly, 50m backstroke, Baylei Callow 50 and

100m freestyle, Xanthe Dyer 50m butterfly, 100m Individual Medley, Cole Dickinson 50m backstroke, 100m Individual Medley.

◆ Eight swimmers qualified and entered the **Regional short course Championships** at Millfield - Hannah Pullinger 17, Ben Fowler 17, Tessa Down 16, Abi Dare 16, Lauren Harrison 16, Melissa Hanson 15, Ollie Bilbie 15, and Jamie Pullinger 15, with Melissa Hanson improving on the Club Record in the 400m freestyle she set the previous weekend at Yeovil.

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golf extra lyme regis

With Richard Jackman

IN the December stableford tales of 'what might have been' greeted the early leaderboard but in the end it was Tim Vincent with 39 points who emerged as the clear winner in Division 1 with Richard Yorke, 37 pushing Jon Ebdon into 3rd place with his 36 points.

Division 2 was a tight contest eventually won with 37 points by John Cleal. Simon Leech and Alasdair Maclean both tied on 36 points, but it was Simon who came 2nd on countback.

The ladies greensome stableford was closely contested but in the end Jenny Scott and Susan Moore triumphed with 40 points.

Jane Dixon and Rosie Jackman came 2nd with 38 points from Jane Southcombe and Jane Andrews with 36 points.

It has been quite a year for Jane Southcombe as she completed her two years as Dorset Ladies' County Golf Association Captain.

Jane also won the Bertram Bisgood silver player cup for the best nett score at the Spring and Autumn meeting, and the Edward Arkell silver player cup for the best gross score at the Spring and Autumn meeting.

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Div 1	Pld	Pts	Honiton Clyst.....	9	8
Marvels.....	11	20	Jack's Lads.....	10	8
Sutton Wand.....	10	14	A Team.....	9	6
Sidford.....	11	14	Awlisc'be Shoot.....	8	4
Auctioneers.....	9	12	Axe Valley.....	9	4
Breakaways.....	9	12			
Culm Vale.....	9	12			

Breakaways.....	9	12	Div 3	Pld	Pts
Culm Vale.....	9	12	Goldtops.....	10	16
Blacksmiths.....	10	11	Keepers.....	9	14
Marsh Green.....	12	11	New Inn.....	10	14
Ur Arrs.....	10	10	Yoyo's.....	10	14
Perkins Village.....	11	7	Bashers.....	8	10
Upottery.....	10	6	Cee Dee's.....	9	8
Zulu Warriors.....	7	5	Tale Nibs.....	9	8
Night Owls.....	9	2	Yetties.....	9	8
Blackdown Boys.....	10	2			

Div 2	Pld	Pts	Bakers 8.....	10	8
Stags	10	14	Maynards	8	6
Talaton	9	12	Brooksiders	10	6
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■ **WELL DONE:** Pictured left are, Standing (from left): Mrs Jenni Mills 4th Dan, Mr Amrik Singh 4th Dan, Mr Matt Palmer Black Belt, Mr Kevin Mills 8th Dan. Middle row left to right Lilley Smitham (9), Demi Howard (9), Rayya Nawal (10), Aaron Toller (9), Andrei Lazar (9) and front row Bethany Cook (10) Matthew Bartlett (11) and Kyesha Rodye.

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Table week 15	Pld	Pts
Lamb Swans.....	14	43
New Inn Kil A.....	13	40
New Inn Kil B.....	14	36
Ax Con Club.....	13	35
Beer Club.....	13	35
Nags Head LR.....	14	32
Royal Oak.....	14	32
Cloakham Lawns.....	13	31
Ship Inn LR.....	13	31
Stepps.....	13	26
Gerrard Arms.....	12	22

Beer League

Cloakham Lawns 2 Ship Inn LR 1, Lamb Swans 2 Nags Head LR 1, New Inn Kilminster B 2 New Inn Kilminster A 1, Royal Oak 1 Stepps 2, Axminster Con Club 0 Beer Club 3.

Beer League	Pld	Pts
New Inn Kil A.....	13	24
Lamb Swans.....	14	24
New Inn Kil B.....	14	23
Ax Con Club.....	13	20
Beer Club.....	13	20
Royal Oak.....	14	20
Gerrard Arms.....	13	19
Stepps.....	13	18
Ship Inn LR.....	13	18
Cloakham Lawns.....	13	17
Nags Head LR.....	14	15

schools sport rugby

AN Axminster youngster's rugby career has taken off with him being selected for the East Devon Rugby U13 squad.

Oakley Wilson Briant, a Year 8 student at Axe Valley Community College, was picked after a challenging trial and will train with the squad and take part in area matches over the next couple of months.

Axe Valley Community College head of sport Tony Davies said: "Oakley has been a committed player for the school team and has recently joined Chard RFC and it is great to see him selected at this level."

Oakley, who mainly plays as a flanker, is looking forward to the challenge, and said: "The trial was held in Sidford. "There were ap-

proximately 120 children from which about 40 were selected.

"I was nervous on the day as this is possibly a big step for my future. This is my first serious season for a club rugby.

"Though I have played for the school, it is fantastic to play for Chard Rugby Club as they are such a great club with great coaches and managers.

"East Devon is going to be hard work as there is so much competition."

When asked where he sees himself in five years' time, he replied: "I hope to play at county level but even if I don't, I know I will have had the chance to get some excellent coaching and gain new skills.

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Oakley aiming high



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**Friday 27th December
10am in our Seaton Store**

Open Monday - Saturday 10am-4pm ~ NB.Closed New Year's Day & Open Sunday 29th 10am-2pm

**Ski Jackets ~ Ski Pants ~ Ski Gloves ~ Ski Socks
Base Layer Thermals ~ Mid Layer Fleece**

HELLY HANSEN ROXY O'NEILL ANIMAL SALOMON

GOGGLES + HELMETS



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SALE

Starts

**ALL STOCK at
The Old Pottery
The Meadows, Beer**

Monday 30th December

Open Monday - Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 9am-2pm ~ NB.Closed New Year's Day

Visit us at our 2 stores and online for great offers and gifts
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See our website for full details of the festive opening hours in all 3 stores